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INCREASED RECREATIONAL BOATING ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND August 30, 2003

The Labor Day weekend is the traditional end of the summer vacation season. During these three days we expect an increase in recreational boating. As the boating public spends this holiday fishing, sailing, and jet skiing, they may stray into the existing security zones. Concurrently, other, less well-intentioned persons may use this heightened activity level to conceal their own operations.

Facility security personnel and vessel crews should be alert for increased recreational boater activity around their operations. The U.S. Coast Guard will have resources available to assist with clearance of the security zones throughout the weekend. To report incursions into a security zone or other suspicious behavior, please call either U.S. Coast Guard Group Galveston at (409) 766-5608, U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5103 or Channel 13 VHF-FM and finally the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5133.

For additional information regarding activities considered suspicious in the vicinity of waterfront facilities and vessels as well as other port infrastructure, see MSO Houston-Galveston's PSIB 07-03. An electronic version of PSIB 07-03 is available on our web site: http://www.uscg.mil/msohoustongalveston.

The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC) via the NRC 24-hour telephone number at 1-800-424-8802.

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